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Carl Racine: A continuation of what we were doing last year, although it I say last year, last school year, I guess. I don't know how else to say.

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Carl Racine: You know, a couple months ago. Um, but I'm going to do a couple of things. For I have other topics like like we were doing other other

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Carl Racine: Other biblical topics that I want to consider in the course of this year.

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Carl Racine: But both for the people who

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Carl Racine: Were involved last year. And for any newcomers. I thought it'd be helpful to spend a couple of weeks just reviewing some of the main points that

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Carl Racine: We talked about, because a lot of this stuff is probably pretty new to people the way of thinking about the Scriptures way of thinking about God and and and

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Carl Racine: What God wants of us. And so I think a review would be helpful for people

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Carl Racine: To kind of catch us up to speed a little bit and go over

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Carl Racine: And make sure this

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Carl Racine: Is kind of clear for people

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Carl Racine: Before we proceed further on. So to that end.

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Carl Racine: We're going to kind of start with that today and continue, at least for one more week however long it takes us. I don't want to stifle conversation. I want people to be able to

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Carl Racine: To talk as well as listen to me. And the things I have to say.

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Carl Racine: And

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Carl Racine: The other thing is that for any newcomer, yes, Susan.

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Susan Racine: Can we all go around and introduce ourselves in opening prayer to

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Carl Racine: Sure, um,

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Carl Racine: For any newcomers, um,

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Carl Racine: I've put my email in the chat. And if you could say, if you want to continue on with this class I send out the class notes every week to everyone and I will just

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Carl Racine: Get send me an email with your email and I will put you on the list. So, you will get the notes every week there. They're also up on on on sister Carol's website, but for people who want to have them, you know, it may be easier. I'm used to doing this. So just send

me your email.

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Carl Racine: And I'll put you on the list.

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Carl Racine: Sure, let's open with prayer. Lord God, we thank you for this morning. We thank you for the opportunity to be together once again even even remotely.

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Carl Racine: The opportunity to look at your word and be challenged by your word and to think about your word in new ways. And to think, especially in these very difficult times what your word is calling us to do.

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Carl Racine: How it is calling us to act and live in this world. We thank you for pastor and for his vision that was so clearly expressed in a sermon this morning that that dovetails quite nicely with what we're doing in this class and pray that

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Carl Racine: This class will stimulate people to

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Carl Racine: Be your champion for justice in this world for righteousness in this world for Peace in this world. And for those who have no voice.

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Carl Racine: We thank you for being with us and ask that you would guide our conversation this morning in Christ's name. Amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Amen. Amen.

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Carl Racine: I'm sure we can go around and introduce ourselves.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I'll start. I'm Carol. I'm your Sunday School zoom host and Carol Copeland Thomas longtime member of Bethel. Glad to be with you and glad that you're with us.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And also, if you are new all of the Sunday school class sessions that we've had since the middle of March.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Online are at the website and I will put the email address there and just a few minutes I'll wait for some more people to come in and I'll put it there.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You can go back. There's, I mean, it's literally an online course for free, literally, so all of brother Carl Racine's notes all of his slides. All of the recordings

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Carole Copeland Thomas: From the middle of March, until we stopped meeting on July 12 and now we're meeting again. So everything is there. I encourage you to go and check them out. And, you know, share with your friends who can't make it to this class, they can literally go there and take a course God bless.

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Susan Racine: I am Susan Racine here in West Roxbury two rooms away from Carl teacher

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Janet Humdy Morrison: I am Janet Harvey Morrison. I'm in Milton and I've been a longtime member of Bethel.

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James Williams: James Williams from Dorchester long time member of Bethel.

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Carol Hovey: I'm Carol Harvey. I'm a member of Bethel south. I now live in Georgia in Noonan

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Carol Hovey: And I love being still a part of the Bethel family. I'll always be a part of the battle family.

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Jack Melvin: I'm

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Folashade Solomon: I am sad day Solomon and I live in JP and I've been a member of baffle for like

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Folashade Solomon: 10 years, eight years, though.

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Jack Melvin: No, no.

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Jack Melvin: I'm a missionary in Honduras and I have been a longtime friend of Rabbi

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Susan Racine: Rabbi

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Jack Melvin: The old sense of the word.

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Beverly Williams: I am Beverly Williams long time member of Bethel James Williams is my hobby.

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Beverly Williams: And glad to see new people on mine.

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Teresa Lammey: Good morning. I'm recently me and Milton and meta pan Navajo

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Teresa Lammey: longtime member fo morning

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Teresa Lammey: To see everyone again.

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De'Shawn Washington: Last morning, everyone. My name is Shawn Washington number of Bethel. Now for

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De'Shawn Washington: I think 10 months so close to a year.

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Xy Zee: Movie.

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Yeah.

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De'Shawn Washington: rookie

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De'Shawn Washington: rookie

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De'Shawn Washington: And I'm blessed to be here with you all this morning.

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Amen.

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Carl Racine: X z x, y, z.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The Mr incognito.

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Xy Zee: This is Festus available longtime member

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Xy Zee: Actually got a couple of very reviews for cars class from James Williams, amongst others.

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Xy Zee: Happy to be here. I like to stay away from call because I'm always worried that the Lord's going to strike.

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Carol Hovey: It makes us think though.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh yeah edgy. It's called edgy being edgy.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Oh, just a Shanda

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chanda Christopher: Hi, my name is Shonda, and I am a longtime member of vessel. I've been going since I was

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chanda Christopher: Before double digits.

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chanda Christopher: And my son is Alan. And yeah, that's it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Amen.

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Carl Racine: Is that everybody is do we miss

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Carl Racine: Yes, it's hard when we're not in a room and can't see.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That's everybody able

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Carl Racine: Okay. Um, so I just wanted to, to review. First, why I'm doing this. And what I'm doing. Because and and to some extent the what I've been doing over the last few years.

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Carl Racine: Is something that I've been working on for the last 3540 years but the the sort of specific kind of topics that I've been looking at

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Carl Racine: Really come from a sense that Evangelical Christianity has

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Carl Racine: Crashed and burned in America because it's based on faulty theology, it's based on a faulty way of reading the scriptures. And so I've been trying to look at the scriptures from a slightly different perspective.

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Carl Racine: And

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Carl Racine: Especially from the perspective of of Jewish scholars and rabbis and Rabbi, by the way, is simply means my teacher in Hebrew, so if jack calls me his rabbi which he's done for years.

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James Williams: With okay

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Carl Racine: So, and if we could see slide number one here.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Okay, yeah, one second. I'll bring them up.

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Carl Racine: I'm

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Carl Racine: Amy Jo Levine.

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Carl Racine: There we go. Amy Jo Levine, who you see there on your screen. Yes, I'm

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Carl Racine: An Orthodox Jew and she is also a New Testament scholar.

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Carl Racine: Which there are not a lot of Orthodox Jews who are New Testament scholars. He teaches at Vanderbilt.

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Carl Racine: And she wrote this book. A number of years ago with a bunch of books, but the misunderstood. Do the church and the scandal Jewish Jesus is very helpful.

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Carl Racine: It talks about growing up Jewish her growing up Jewish in a Catholic neighborhood in New Bedford, and I know it was some amusement, that the little blurb from the Kansas City Star their calls her a southern Jewish scholar, presumably Southern Massachusetts

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Carl Racine: She teaches a Vanderbilt. So that may be how they made the mistake, but she's actually from master. She's from New Bedford.

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Carl Racine: But you grew up in a large Catholic neighborhood and had mostly Christian friends and was fascinated with Christianity. She wanted to be Pope one day which your mother told her wasn't possible for a number of reasons.

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Carl Racine: But she also experienced a lot of nasty anti Semitism from other Christian

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Carl Racine: And when she went to read the New Testament and her and asked her why would you want to read such anti semitic stuff and

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Carl Racine: She found out where some of that anti Semitism had its had its origins and and yet she says I had been inoculated fortunately against seeing only hate in the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: my Christian friends had modeled for me the grace and friendship that are at the heart of the church.

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Carl Racine: My parents told me that Jesus was a Jew speaking to other Jews, and that his basic message was exactly the same as that of Judaism to love the Lord your God and to love your neighbor as yourself.

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Carl Racine: So she concludes, I knew that although the New Testament could be read as being anti Jewish. It did not have to be read that way.

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Carl Racine: And that's really been my mission in life, because not in life. But in this in my teaching for the past 2000 years the Bible in the New Testament particular has been used to justify Christian hatred.

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Carl Racine: viciousness treatment and even slaughter of Jews and Christian doctrines Christian teaching has largely been shaped by that

hostility towards Judaism.

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Carl Racine: And so I've been trying to rethink. Now, how we can read the Scriptures, so they are not understood as anti Jewish

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Carl Racine: Jesus says that salvation is from the Jews john 422

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Carl Racine: And yet, traditional Christian theology has largely ignored the history of Israel and telling its own story in the way we understand what it means to be a Christian. We go from creation to fall to salvation through Christ. And we omit everything in between.

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Carl Racine: And I would argue this is a flawed and incomplete caricature of biblical truth. I'm convinced that the anti Judaism of our Christianity, especially in the Protestant

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Carl Racine: Tradition has left us with a shrunken

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Carl Racine: And anemic gospel that focuses on future salvation, rather than present responsibilities that cares about people's souls, but not their bodies and has become utterly corrupted by the militant individualism of our culture.

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Carl Racine: We have lost our ability to understand the Scriptures properly because of our attempt to define Christianity, apart from the story of Israel and Christian anti Judaism has blinded us as to how to read the Bible clearly

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Carl Racine: So I'm trying to rectify some of that the New Testament, and I want to underline this statement and Festus you can stand back

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Carl Racine: The New Testament is not the Bible.

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Carl Racine: Let me say that again. The New Testament is not the Bible.

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Carl Racine: The New Testament cannot stand on its own and never was meant to stand on its old

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Carl Racine: The Old Testament is the foundation upon which the New Testament is built the New Testament, in and of itself is inadequate.

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Carl Racine: The people who hand out little copies just of the New Testament are doing the Bible, a great disservice.

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Carl Racine: The New Testament does not have extensive treatments of important biblical topics that are covered in the old such as care for the physical creation.

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Carl Racine: Or the world of nations and politics or ownership of property economic justice debt relief or even the meaning and purpose of sacrifices, as we saw last year.

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Carl Racine: The New Testament takes these Old Testament topics for granted and a problem only arises because the church tends to treat the New Testament as if it was the whole Bible.

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Carl Racine: The church has embraced the individualism of our pagan Western culture and so redefined words like redemption and salvation ways at different radically from how those words were used in the Old Testament.

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Carl Racine: And Jesus sacrificial death is understood in ways that are almost totally foreign to the Old Testament understanding of

sacrifices

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Carl Racine: So we're left with a private spiritual realized feel good. He did it just for me religion that ends up being another modern version of the self help movement.

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Carl Racine: And such an environment is perfect for the growth of such heresies, as the prosperity gospel and people's grotesque fantasies about the end times.

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Carl Racine: And pastor sermon was a great example of how we have been taught to filter out the stuff in even the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: That has anything to do with what we think of as social justice with our concern for the world around us.

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Carl Racine: We simply want to focus on getting the Philippine jailer, and his family saved and ignore the larger context of the story, which pastor treated brilliantly in a sermon this morning.

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Carl Racine: That in and he's right. I've heard a million sermons and Bible studies on that passage and never once. Has anyone said anything approaching what pastor said in his sermon this morning about that passage in Acts

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Carl Racine: Another quick example. This week I was looking at a talk that Cornell West gave

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Carl Racine: Where he says that, you know, our churches Christians are praying for God to bless them, whereas in fact we ought to be praying to be a blessing.

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Carl Racine: And that fundamental biblical insight comes from Torah from Genesis chapter 12

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Carl Racine: So teaching the New Testament in isolation from the old that teaching is bound to be distorted and incomplete.

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Carl Racine: And that's reflected. I think in the unbalanced insipid and sentimental nature of much of what passes for Christian Christian teaching and faith in our world. The problem for most Christians is they've been trying to live on the second floor of a building with no foundation

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Carl Racine: So I've been arguing, we need to return to our Jewish roots which Paul declares provide the rich, rich SAP that supports and nurse nourishes our spiritual lives in Romans 11

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Carl Racine: We've been grafted onto a tree with Jewish roots so last fall, we did return to Torah to the five books of Moses, although we looked at other Scriptures as well.

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Carl Racine: But this time reading it with the help of insights from the rabbi's Jewish rabbis both ancient and modern who provided us with some remarkable insights that are virtually unknown to Christians to help us rethink our own biblical tradition.

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Carl Racine: We looked at some of Torah central themes and we'll look at more of them this year.

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Carl Racine: We saw their concerns and importance can and how they connect in various very important ways to what Jesus teaches and what the New Testament teaches

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Carl Racine: connections that have not always been appreciated by Christians. So I began to challenge us to think about the gospel in

new ways. And we're going to be continuing where we left off. If we could seat slide number two. Now, please.

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Carl Racine: So here's the the outline that I have for the course and I will send you a, a more detailed version of this with the notes this week.

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Carl Racine: After the introduction will have a review of some of the major themes and then

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Carl Racine: I decided to do this piece on Rabbi Heschel and Reverend King because it's so relevant to what we are still suffering through now but but also because I wanted to talk at some point in this course of that hassles notion of the God who suffers, which is a key part of his teaching

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Carl Racine: So we're going to look at at at the the close friendship between Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Martin Luther King

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Carl Racine: Um,

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Carl Racine: And then we will go on to look at some of the other individual topics.

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Carl Racine: In the Old Testament, and in Torah that I want to talk about the keeping of the Sabbath keeping kosher the rabbinic idea of arguments for the sake of heaven.

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Carl Racine: The whole biblical notion of the fear of the Lord, and I may add some other things in as I come up with them over time. I don't, I

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Carl Racine: Don't know if we'll get to the conclusions after that. Or maybe we will be concluding with it with a sort of summary about life before death, which is my concern and which is largely the biblical concern.

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Carl Racine: And as sister Carol said all of the previous material is on her website and this as we go along with stuff that we look at will also be on the website are there are there any questions that people have immediately about what I've said so far.

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Carol Hovey: I'm loving it.

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Xy Zee: So I just have one quick question.

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Xy Zee: And obviously that wasn't here for the for the last, last year, but

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Xy Zee: Understanding that the New Testament is incomplete and that the Old Testament is a foundation you often also hear about the parts of the New Testament that have been

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Xy Zee: Superseded. I'm sorry. The purpose of the Old Testament that have been replaced us to proceed at some laws or commands that have been replaced, such as the need for offering a burnt offering and so on and so forth. So is that context, part of what you're going to be describing

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Carl Racine: Yes. I mean, and, and we're going to look at two major parts of the Old Testament.

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Carl Racine: That most Christians.

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Carl Racine: Think have been overturned or or whatever by the new keeping the Sabbath and keeping kosher. And I think when we get to those parts you all will be surprised at how little if any foundation, there is in the New Testament for ignoring those laws.

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Carl Racine: So we'll talk about that. We talked about the sacrifices at length last year and you can kind of go look at our discussion, but the reason that

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Carl Racine: The reason that the sacrifices stopped was because the temple was destroyed in 70 ad about 40 years after the time of Jesus. And once the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed.

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Carl Racine: That was the only place where sacrifices were allowed to happen. So for 2000 years they haven't been able to offer sacrifices

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Carl Racine: A lot of Jews are perfectly content with that some of the medieval rabbis even argued that, that, in fact, God was weaning people off of sacrifices that it was a pagan idea that kind of spilled over into Jewish practice and the

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Carl Racine: The guy didn't really that wasn't a major part of what God wanted from people

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Carl Racine: But there are plenty of Jews who are looking for the day when the Temple is rebuilt and sacrifices can be green can begin again.

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Carl Racine: So,

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Carl Racine: The stuff about sacrifices is is a little bit more complicated.

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Carl Racine: But

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Carl Racine: And maybe Festus if you want to have a conversation with me about this another time. I can sort of help. Talk about what we talked about in class last year, but the the sacrifices are much more

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Carl Racine: A matter of worshiping God than having anything to do with sin.

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Carl Racine: And that Christians have focused on sacrifices for sin. And that's a relatively minor aspect of the sacrificial system in the Old Testament.

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Carl Racine: So theoretically, if you wanted out for sacrifice an animal sacrifice to God, you wouldn't necessarily be

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Carl Racine: contradicting the Bible, either the old or the new testament

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Brother, Carl, I wanted to ask you.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Sort of following up on x, y, z and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: How would you describe, would you describe the Old Testament and the New Testament as the collection of books that we call the Bible or how would you define both

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Carl Racine: Yes, absolutely. I mean, the, the, the Old Testament is part of the Christian Bible and is considered as inspired as the inspired Word of God. Just like the New Testament that's been classic Christian to teaching for 2000 years

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Carl Racine: There's been a little bit of debate about which books should be included in the Old Testament, the Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church have a slightly longer list.

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Carl Racine: But

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Carl Racine: The Old Testament that Protestants use is identical to the old well it has the same books in it that is in the Bible that the Jews use. So for Christians.

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Carl Racine: The Old Testament and the New Testament are the Bible for Jews. It's simply what we call the Old Testament.

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Carl Racine: That answer your question.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes, it does. Thank you.

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Susan Racine: Beverly had a question in the chat.

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Susan Racine: About whether or not the Old Testament is considered the complete Word of God.

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Carl Racine: Yeah, I'm not sure I quite understand the question.

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Beverly Williams: Okay. And I agree with you that there is a

foundation. We have a whole structure and it's built on a foundation. But I also know that in the Old Testament, it would say, you know, it's like foretelling the future. So in you saying with and I agree with it that

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Beverly Williams: You just can't live on the second floor, you know, and it's going to be solid without, you know, the foundation, but

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Beverly Williams: I know that. Well, I don't know. This is what I always believed that the Jewish community guy that there was no documents to the

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Beverly Williams: New Testament because to them, Christ says, Not com so could you clean that up with me today feel that there's no documents to the New Testament, like we know these elements to that old text claim that are coming

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Carl Racine: Yeah, I mean, Jews don't accept the New Testament scripture

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Carl Racine: And the more recent movement amongst some Jews to study the New Testament and Amy Jo Levine is one of the major figures in in doing that.

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Carl Racine: comes from the fact that the that the majority of the writings of the New Testament are by Jews and deal with a wing of Judaism, shall we say, a branch of Judaism in the first century.

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Carl Racine: And therefore it has historical relevance for Jews to understand

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Carl Racine: Not only where Christianity came from, but also to understand a little more about first century Christopher century Judaism, because we don't have a whole lot of his the major historical

record that we have from the first century about Judaism as the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: And and Jews historically have simply ignored the New Testament entirely. So there's a move amongst some

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Carl Racine: Jews to at least look at it and try to understand it.

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Carl Racine: Even though they don't accept it as the Word of God or, as you know, having any direct relevance for their life.

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Beverly Williams: Yeah, and see. I think that there in lies on is

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Beverly Williams: A problem because

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Beverly Williams: Because

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Beverly Williams: I think that God would have us

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Beverly Williams: I don't know. I think that that's why there's so much segregation when it comes to churches in theology, it's, I don't know, it's like

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Beverly Williams: There has to be a balance for one to totally ignore what a totally ignore when another believes and then to see to one group but accept all that would somebody else believes you know it. I think it's

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Beverly Williams: I don't know, it's, it's

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Beverly Williams: I have to reconcile those two

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Carl Racine: All right. Well, I mean, yeah, some

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Carl Racine: Some things are just difficult to understand. Yeah.

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Beverly Williams: But you're not in Garland demo lessons to teach ins
I you know I don't

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Beverly Williams: I, I don't think that I have so much conflict with
the with the word, but how are we ever going to come together. If one
says you have to accept this.

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Beverly Williams: But what but

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Beverly Williams: The other part of what you believe is not relevant.
It's not valid. How do we bring a world together. We're added to that.

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Carl Racine: Well, precisely by accepting people's differences.

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Carl Racine: I mean we really, I mean, to me the first time I went to
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Carl Racine: Jewish synagogue, the Jewish service.

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Carl Racine: I was struck by the fact and it shouldn't have surprised
me. But I was struck by the fact that I had no trouble affirming
everything that was said.

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Carl Racine: Everything that was the prayers. The teaching everything that was said there but a Jew coming to a Christian service would have problems affirming some of what was said in the Christian service.

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Carl Racine: And so we have to live with the fact that essentially we I look at Jews and Christians as sort of alienated family members.

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Carl Racine: You know, cousins or something that that don't get along and it didn't haven't gotten along. Historically, and now we're trying to put the family back together a little bit. But we're never going to come

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Carl Racine: To perfect agreement. There are always going to be things that Christians believe that Jews simply won't be able to accept and part of the

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Carl Racine: actually probably the main reason they won't be able to accept it. Is it for 2000 years Christian hatred and brutal mistreatment of Jews has made Christianity seem like the most hateful

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Carl Racine: belief system in the whole world. And why would you ever want to have anything to do with Christianity. When you look at how Christians have treated Jews.

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Carl Racine: So we've sunk our own ship in terms of reaching out to Jews to evangelize them.

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Carl Racine: What we can do and what we must do and what Jesus obliges us to do is reach out to them and love to love them unconditionally as beloved of God.

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Carl Racine: And that I think is the best we can do.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Other car.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: It could be, could you somehow extend this to the distant relationship that I certainly see between

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The Jews in Israel and their neighbors, the Arabs, or the Palestinians.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You know what happens there troubles me quite a bit and I look at centuries of

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Tension, but also centuries of of relationships.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Between the Jews in that region of the world and their neighbors, any, any thoughts about that.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I know that's another class.

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Carl Racine: Like normal topic and I do want to get to Ruth Bader Ginsburg today.

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Carl Racine: The whole book of Genesis, as we saw

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Carl Racine: At some point

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My classes.

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Carl Racine: The whole book of Genesis is about family conflict.

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Carl Racine: And resolving family conflict, the whole book of Genesis is about warring brothers, the whole book of Genesis is about Cain and Abel.

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Carl Racine: Jacob saw and the Palestinians and the Jews trace their ancestry back to Ishmael and Isaac to half brothers out of the out of whose father was Abraham

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Carl Racine: So that conflict again is a kind of sibling rivalry.

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Carl Racine: That is notoriously difficult

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Carl Racine: To resolve.

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Carl Racine: And again, centuries of

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Carl Racine: Hatred and mistreatment of warring and conflict between both sides.

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Carl Racine: Has has left coming up with a sort of peace agreement, any kind of ability to get along, has made that very difficult. It's, it's like the conflict in Northern Ireland.

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Carl Racine: The more fighting that went on, the harder it was to bridge the gap between the Protestants and the Catholics in Northern Ireland. Again, another sort of set of sibling rivalries essentially

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Carl Racine: That that has roots going back hundreds of years.

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Carl Racine: This is just the story of humanity, and then the Bible kind of presents it brilliantly in the book of Genesis and until those things are resolved in Genesis when Joseph and his brothers who

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Carl Racine: First tried to kill him and then sold him off into slavery until they are reconciled, it is not possible for Israel to to be a people to be a nation.

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Carl Racine: So we're still living out that story in lots of different ways and the Palestinians and the Israelis and Palestinians are simply one more example of that ancient biblical story.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you.

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Ray Hammond: Oh, grass around just two quick thoughts and again love to hear your response for the column. This one I'm not clear that I completely agree with you, is have you gone to many synagogue sermon services. Everything that I've heard in most cases, I could subscribe to

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Ray Hammond: The fact is, I don't know that Christians would necessarily subscribe to everything, depending on what you call the law if you include in the law. Many of the thousands of volumes of have dinner teachings is probably a lot. We wouldn't agree with necessarily

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Ray Hammond: So,

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Ray Hammond: I don't think it's a one way street where we're accepting

everything and they're not accepting a central tenant for us. I think it goes both ways that sense.

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Ray Hammond: And the second thing which is related to it. And again, I'm sure you said this and talked about this, we sometimes talk about Jewish faith is though it's one thing and it's not the old saying the Jewish community was if you have to Jews in the same room. There are three opinions.

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Ray Hammond: And it's this is not unlike the situation in the Christian faith. So the way that a

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Ray Hammond: Probably the closest congregation, we are to his Temple Israel, which is a reform congregation is very different from the

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Ray Hammond: Congregation of a good friend of mine as a Modern Orthodox far greater than that for an Hasidic Jew in Brooklyn, or in Israel or a ultra orthodox in Israel or the reconstruction is movement where the conservative or the and on and on. So,

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Ray Hammond: Again,

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Ray Hammond: I think

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Ray Hammond: I'm just sort of make my point again that i don't i don't see much of an imbalance, I see that they've got the same challenges in terms of what

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Carl Racine: We lost the pastor

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He's muted.

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Ray Hammond: Muted again.

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Ray Hammond: A face the same problem is what constitutes the critical aspects of Jewish faith and then the things that we disagree on as Jews as we face.

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Ray Hammond: In being Christians and that that there are many central tenets both of us could agree with

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Ray Hammond: But the deeper. We got into it, the more I think we would find as Christians, talking to Jews and as Jews talking to Christians that we would we would be in disagreement around and we have to learn how to live with that difference

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Carl Racine: Yeah, absolutely. And those are those are important qualifications to make. And I, and I was going to say at some point in my notes.

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Carl Racine: I'm not at all, saying that what I'm presenting in this course is somehow

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Carl Racine: Judaism as a monolithic

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Carl Racine: Reality. That's why I titled it insights from the rabbi's we're looking at things from individual rabbis both ancient and modern

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Carl Racine: That

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Carl Racine: I have found helpful and thinking about the scriptures

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Carl Racine: Some of those insights are probably representative of what can be thought of as mainstream Judaism.

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Carl Racine: Others may be simply the insights of a particular Rabbi

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Carl Racine: So I'm not trying to import Judaism as a whole, into this class or into Christianity.

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Carl Racine: And pastors, right, the Jews have been fighting amongst themselves.

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Carl Racine: For

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Carl Racine: You know 2000 years or more about what it means to be a good dude just like Christians have been fighting amongst themselves for 2000 years about what it

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Ray Hammond: Is

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Yeah.

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Carl Racine: So,

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Carl Racine: Yes, that's, that's true. And there's plenty of things in in Rabbinic Judaism that I don't agree with it all and don't find helpful at all in terms of understanding the scriptures

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Carl Racine: So this is not a this is not a complete, you know,

critique of Judaism or anything. This is just simply cherry picking essentially from from stuff that I found really helpful and stuff that I found to

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Carl Racine: Really illuminate some stuff that you find in the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: So if but noting the time I really wanted to get on to what sister Carol asked me to do was just talk briefly because it fits

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Carl Racine: About, about the notorious our big Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died a week ago, on the eve of Russia Shana Jewish New Year's Day. So I want to look briefly at her and

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Carl Racine: And then we're also going to have a kind of review of that sort of information about Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur, the Jewish High Holy Days which we find ourselves in the middle of just for just for people to understand that a little bit more

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Carl Racine: I didn't know anything about a part of the fact that she was a Jew. I didn't know anything about

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Carl Racine: Her her relationship to Judaism. What kind of a Jewish she was how observant, she was with her personal faith was like, and I you know I had to do some quick Googling it was the way we do things these days. And I did find this talk that she gave in 2000 for the US Holocaust Museum.

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Carl Racine: That gave a small window into that issue and, and, more importantly, the connects with what we were talking about last year in this class. And what we're continuing to talk about

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Carl Racine: And you can see in your slide here, this, this is a quote from that speech she says my heritage as a Jew and my occupation as a

judge fit together symmetrically.

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Carl Racine: The demand for justice runs through the entirety of Jewish history and Jewish tradition, I take pride in and draw strength from my heritage as signs in my chambers, a test, a large silver mezuzah on my door post and the Mezuzah is just a

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Carl Racine: Metallic a little metallic thing was put on the doorpost that contains some

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Carl Racine: Writings from the Torah, maybe the Shema the command to love You Lord your God.

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Carl Racine: And it comes from that passage in Deuteronomy. We're where Moses tells the people to write these words on your on your door posts.

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Carl Racine: So Jews do that literally and they call them Azusa. So in addition to having them Azusa and her chambers. She says on three walls in artist's rendition of Hebrew letters. The command from Deuteronomy Cedric Cedric teared off justice justice shall you pursue

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Carl Racine: Those words are ever present reminders of what judges must do that they may thrive.

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Carl Racine: And I've given you the passage here because Justice Ginsburg's not just proof texting.

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Carl Racine: And I'm very sorry. I tried my best. I mean, I spent a long time Googling searching the internet to find a picture of those artists renditions in her chambers and I could not find them. I don't. I just assume they would be there. So the best thing I could come up with was this

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Carl Racine: This picture of her with those words on it and the Hebrew words on it as well.

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Carl Racine: But she's not just proof texting here from Deuteronomy. They come from a passage we discussed last year from Deuteronomy 16

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Carl Racine: That says a point for yourself judges and officials throughout your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous justice justice justice shall you pursue in order that you may live and take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving you

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Carl Racine: And this passage is specifically referring to the kind of judges that God wants Israel to to a point.

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Carl Racine: There to pursue what I called a strange type of justice, the kind of justice that's found in the Bible.

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Carl Racine: That is called here and Deuteronomy, a righteous justice a justice that is compassionate a justice. It's not blindfolded, but it takes into account.

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Carl Racine: The needs of the poor, the precarious situation of the immigrant, a justice that doesn't always conform to the strict letter of the Law and Justice Ginsburg has clearly

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Carl Racine: reflected on this passage from Deuteronomy for her self for her vocation as a judge and she quotes it in the Jewish publication societies 1985 translation that you may thrive, rather than the more literal translation that you may live

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Carl Racine: Sorry, my hear you.

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Carl Racine: And I think that's a good interpretation of what that means. Because Moses isn't just talking about living. He's talking about living

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Carl Racine: From a biblical foundation of justice living a genuine healthy life, a life that thrives the abundant life in community and Justice Ginsburg takes this as her mission in life.

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Carl Racine: In Jewish tradition, a person who dies on the dies on the eve of Russia, Shawna as she did is considered to be especially righteous

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Carl Racine: Now I'm not one to judge whether that tradition is accurate with that tradition necessarily applies to Justice Ginsburg, but another Jewish tradition has a more solid biblical basis.

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Carl Racine: The Talmud states any judge who issues a true judgment. It is this is as, as if he or she became a partner to the Holy One in creation.

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Carl Racine: In other words, a faithful judge is doing God's work in the world, upholding creation itself.

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Carl Racine: We saw last year that one of the most astonishing teachings in Torah is that God has delegated his ruling authority over the world to humans. This isn't Genesis one.

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Carl Racine: God delegates his ruling authority to humans and that, in the words of the rabbi's we come we become partners with God in creation.

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Carl Racine: Since God is the ultimate judge of the world, those human

judges who issue fair righteous compassionate judges are doing God's work. So clearly, Justice Ginsburg, understood that she had a divine calling a calling to make the world a better place.

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Carl Racine: Comments, questions.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I just

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Look at her as such a gentle warrior her size very small understated quiet but a lion and when now that she's passed on, we're looking at her life and her biography

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And look at all of the obstacles that she overcame as a woman as a Jew as a mother as a wife and all of those doors that did not open for her when she graduated from Columbia Law School.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And how God used her and moved her in the direction of civil rights and justice. So what could have defeated. Some women.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Empowered her and she sort of use that and stood on the shoulders of ancestors, etc. Throughout her career path which made her the giant of a woman that she you know now is being

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Carole Copeland Thomas: revered for and and now being celebrated for so I like you, brother. Carl, I think all of us are going to study her more and more now that she's gone because she was such a jewel of a humanitarian

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Carl Racine: Maryland chase in the

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Carl Racine: question. The answer

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Carl Racine: The coffee, our question answer today asked about

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Carl Racine: Why, it seems that this this theme of justice, social justice is so strong and Judaism.

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Carl Racine: And it's because it's so strong in the Bible and

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Carl Racine: Whatever else you can say about the rabbi's and Judaism and everything else. This is a central teaching. That's foundational

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Carl Racine: For their faith and is therefore foundational as I argued for the New Testament. And so again, studying Torah studying the prophets, especially

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Carl Racine: Takes Us Back to this theme that then asks the you know forces us to ask the question, the pastor has this this morning. So what are you gonna do about it.

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Carl Racine: What's your calling, she found her calling as a daughter of a Russian immigrant

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Carl Racine: She found her calling

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Carl Racine: And found it and understood what her calling was through the words of Scripture and proclaim that had that on the walls of her office.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So it's, it's like she was living her

religion, she was living her heritage living her religion.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: A religion that was fraught with child with problems and challenges and all of that. But she clearly

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Carole Copeland Thomas: In her rulings.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: In her descent and in her, her, her conviction. She was a woman of principle and honor

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And you know, you also have to look at the fact that she was married to a man who was not intimidated by her. There are some men who would have been intimidate intimidated by a woman in that position, but

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Carole Copeland Thomas: They clearly had a remarkable relationship. And so they strengthened EACH OTHER. AND SHE SHE LOVED TO WORK SO work was she wasn't

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Called a workaholic, but she embraced and embodied her life and her principle in with what she did. I just love the fact that her brain was functional until she died.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And until probably the last couple of weeks of her life when her body just the clock is my brother says your clock runs out clock just ran out.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: But I for me that as a 67 year old. I get energized by that because I, I want to work until I drop. I don't want to vegetate, you know, for years as a retiree or whatever I want to have that level of impact and and contribute of functionality in society.

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Carl Racine: Amen.

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Carl Racine: Well, let me just go on to talk briefly here about the Jewish High Holy Days that we're in the middle of and then we'll, we'll close out for today. The High Holy Days.

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Carl Racine: That begin with Russia, Shawna, and with young capoeira which actually begins tonight.

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Carl Racine: Your computer is the most important day in Judaism.

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Carl Racine: And the High Holy Days are called days of our 10 days of begin with Russia, Shawna New Year's Day Jewish news day that are dedicated to reflection penitents rectifying wrongs and turning back to God.

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Carl Racine: And traditionally, Russia, China is understood to be the day that God created the world.

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Carl Racine: And its central theme. The theme of the services on Russia. Shawna is God's kingship God's rule over the world.

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Carl Racine: And the sense of on this time period comes from a recognition of God as the one who holds the power of life and death in his hands.

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Carl Racine: And Jewish tradition teaches that in these days of during these days of all God decides who will live and who will die for the coming year.

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Carl Racine: So people should humble themselves before God and turn

away from things that are harmful and destructive so they may have their lives inscribed in the book of life for another year.

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Carl Racine: So Rosh Hashanah is a celebration and welcoming of the new year, but it also has a kind of somber tone to it.

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Carl Racine: And and precisely so that Russia Shana wouldn't just turn into a completely grim holiday.

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Carl Racine: The Rabbi's encouraged Jews to observe it in a spirit of optimism confident that God will accept their repentance, and give them a good year, which is the literal meaning of the Shana, Tova, which is the greeting for that season. I couldn't find a good

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Carl Racine: Slide for this, but the Shana, Tova means to a good year.

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Carl Racine: Or happy Russia Shana but and so the rabbi's ordained that in order to not have the holiday be completely taken up with penitence

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Carl Racine: That during whatever meals, they had on Russia. Shana, they were supposed to eat apples dipped in honey and other sweet things so apples and honey are a major kind of sacraments, not the right word, but

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Carl Racine: Something that is partaking of

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Carl Racine: New Year's Day as a prayer for a sweet year

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Carl Racine: I'm sorry, I'm good.

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Carl Racine: Um, the other thing associated with Russia, Shawna is the blowing of the shofar usually a ram's horn and you see a picture here. Somebody by the Wailing Wall with one of these horns. Their elaborate things. It takes a lot of training to learn how to how to how to blow one properly.

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Carl Racine: And the blowing of the shofar is is associated with a whole lot of different things. It's acquired have multiple meanings over the years. It's a proclamation of God's kingship over the world.

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Carl Racine: And it recalls Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac, the ram it echoes the trumpet sounds on Mount Sinai, as God gave the law to Moses.

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Carl Racine: It's a wake up call to repentance and return to God and it foreshadows the trumpet sounds that will herald the coming of the Messiah, one day.

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Carl Racine: So the shofar is actually blown around 100 times and Russia, Shawna. It's also blown at the end of Yom Kippur to mark the ending of young Yom Kippur War, and it's also blown in the month receiving roster shine as a call to repentance. Because even though

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Carl Racine: Even though Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement is specifically focused on repentance. The process of repentance and forgiveness begins a month earlier, the month before Rosh Hashanah

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Carl Racine: There's special prayers and rituals that help people reflect on what they've done in the past year.

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Carl Racine: And during that time of reflection, you're supposed to not simply kind of feel bad about what you've done.

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Carl Racine: But use that time to set things right with the people that you have wronged to go ask forgiveness and, if necessary, to make restitution.

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Carl Racine: To restore whatever has been broken in that relationship, including financial restitution.

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Carl Racine: And the idea is that you repair those human relationships so that on young Kapoor you can effectively seek God's forgiveness.

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Carl Racine: So you as Jesus said you make things right with your brother or sister first and then go take your offering to the altar. Then on Yom Kippur.

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Carl Racine: Repentance to shoot as you see here in the slide means returning to God turning from sin and returning to God. And that's a complex process in Judaism, not simply kind of beating yourself in the breast and feeling bad.

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Carl Racine: Um, as part of that process of dealing with the sin from the past year. Some Jews during the days of op or form a ceremony called Tash leik. We can see the next slide please.

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Carl Racine: We saw this last year, which involves symbolically throwing one sins into a body of water and many Jews in New York City perform this from the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges. When we were in New York City last Sunday we saw a family doing this in a pond in Central Park.

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Carl Racine: And this practice reflects the verses in Micah seven. Who is a God like you who pardon sin forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance.

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Carl Racine: You do not stay angry forever, but the light to show

mercy.

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Carl Racine: You will again have compassion on us. You will tread our sins underfoot and hurl our iniquities into the depths of the sea. So people are literally just get unburdening themselves CONFESSING, REPENTING and getting rid of their sin to start the new year fresh

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Carl Racine: Yom Kippur itself. The day itself, which begins tonight. Is it is the one day in Judaism were fasting is required. There are other fast in Judaism, but they're not required.

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Carl Racine: Yom Kippur, is a required fast and except for for small children and people whose health does not allow it the fastest an absolute one no food or drink of any kind. For 25 hours.

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Carl Racine: And in addition, as part of the days self denial. You're not supposed to bathe or wash or use cosmetics or makeup or any other form of self adornment. You're not supposed to wear leather shoes or engage in marital relations.

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Carl Racine: wearing white clothing is also traditional there are lengthy services five different prayer services during the course of the day where

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Carl Racine: There are long and complicated both private and public confession of sin as the whole community comes together and recognizes its corporate sinfulness and asked for God's forgiveness.

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Carl Racine: And in keeping with this theme of fasting, it's customary and synagogues to read Isaiah 58 on Yom Kippur and pastor read pat Isaiah 58 in his sermon this morning.

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Carl Racine: And the Prophet insists in Isaiah 58 that fasting is not simply a private spiritual exercise where we focus on ourselves.

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Carl Racine: But rather should reorient our focus to others are fasting should make us think of those who are without food and other necessities of life to those who are suffering injustice and oppression.

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Carl Racine: This is the fasting. I wish releasing those bound and justly untiring the thorns of the yoke setting free the oppressed breaking every yoke.

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Carl Racine: Sharing your bread with the hungry sheltering the oppressed and the homeless clothing the naked when you see them and not turning your back on your own.

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Carl Racine: Isaiah says don't come to God, pretending to be a nation that practices righteousness, while in fact you have forsaken God's justice.

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Carl Racine: Without an active practice of God's righteous justice says Isaiah God simply will not hear your prayers or your repentance such fasting, as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

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Carl Racine: Your fasting and piety and spiritual disciplines and words of repentance are useless unless you are taking care of the needy and working for justice in the world.

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Carl Racine: And as I've been emphasizing in this course, your claims to having a relationship with God as Jesus said in Matthew 25 are meaningless unless you're engaged in pursuing God's compassionate justice in the world.

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Carl Racine: And that I think is the Jewish foundation for Ruth Bader Ginsburg pursuit of justice in her career and I'm going to close with that for today and leave you to meditate on those thoughts question.

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Carl Racine: Yeah, no bathing.

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Wow.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Wow.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We have to keep this up next week. I have lots of things to think about.

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Carl Racine: Booster reflect some penitents, it's, it's, it's the only day of the year where that sort of thing is required in Judaism.

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Teresa Lammey: I'm just

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Teresa Lammey: Bird also reminds me of numbers 27

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Teresa Lammey: Solo fearless daughters were day did I have to their father died. You know, it would have no inheritance and it went to Moses and Moses took the Bible, so that you know that reminds me of her just taking it all the way to the high

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Teresa Lammey: Court Justice for woman.

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Jack Melvin: Like that.

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Carl Racine: Absolutely.

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Carl Racine: I mean, that's a that's an astonishing passage to be included in the scriptures that are thought of is so anti women sometimes

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Carl Racine: And the women.

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Carl Racine: You know, it was only men who can inherit the estate, but here you have daughters who

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Carl Racine: Are not brothers to inherit and they're like, this isn't fair. This is our family property. There's no justice here we following the letter of the law. We get deprived of an inheritance and they go to Moses and Moses, because the God and God says, give it to the women it's there.

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Carl Racine: So again, Pastor sermons, speak up for justice.

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Carl Racine: Often for others for

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Carl Racine: People who can't speak up for it.

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Xy Zee: So why was that particular law that would it begin with

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Carl Racine: About what law.

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Inheritance.

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Carl Racine: Well, I mean, historically, that's been traditional that

the oldest son inherits the bulk of the estate or sometimes the whole estate.

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Xy Zee: Yes, but you said you said, traditionally, but then there's also the idea that Moses went to God. You know, so the gods sanction at the original way.

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Carl Racine: If you really want to get into this, I can, I can give you a larger explanation for

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Xy Zee: It. I guess we don't have the time.

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Xy Zee: This

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Week.

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Carl Racine: Is that the land was was divided up amongst the Israelites and everybody got a portion of the land. Everybody got their 40 acres and a mule.

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Carl Racine: And

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Carl Racine: Through the way economics works is that the powerful tend to accumulate stuff and the weaker people

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Carl Racine: Lose stuff over time. And so there are a number of provisions in Torah to counteract that economic injustice to make sure that that the land stays broadly distributed and doesn't accumulate in the hands of a wealthy.

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Carl Racine: And as part of that process, then if that land was to if that particular land was to leave the possession of this family because there was no male heir, it would go into somebody else's hand and they will. They're there. They would be enriched

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Carl Racine: More than they should have. So ultimately, God's judgment here has to do with justice with economic justice with saying

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Carl Racine: It's more important that the land remain in the family than that a male person inherit the land. So we're going to override the tradition that that the sun, the sun's inherit the land because ultimately, what's important is that everybody have a little piece of wealth.

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Carl Racine: That's a radical biblical principle that some people in certain administration's might call socialism that's rooted in the Bible and rooted in Torah and Christians in America have simply ignored it.

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Carl Racine: But the ultimate purpose in Torah is for everybody to have some of the wealth.

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Alright.

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Xy Zee: So to be continued.

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To be

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Xy Zee: Have questions. What to be

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Xy Zee: Continuous

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Next week,

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Carl Racine: But next week we'll, we'll begin our review of major themes of some of the major themes

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Carl Racine: And again, we'll just move along at whatever pace that you know suits us and we can discuss what we need.

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Carl Racine: But I, I again challenge you to think this week about ways in which, in our current situation.

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Carl Racine: We can all fulfill that biblical mandate.

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To the justice, justice, you should pursue

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I just wanted to announce that going forward. I've upgraded my zoom account. So now each class will have a full transcript of everything we say that will be posted again at the website. It's about 85% accurate it is.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Software generated, but it's it's a

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Fair fair representation of our class. And so again, this is like an online course, you're getting for gratis

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Teresa Lammey: Amen.

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Teresa Lammey: All right, you can

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Carl Racine: close us out in prayer, please.

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Susan Racine: I will

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Susan Racine: Heavenly Father God, we thank you for these times together for Your Word that teaches us who you are and how you love us and how we are to love one another. Thank you for all the work that Carl's done. Thank you.

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Susan Racine: The seeds that have been planted in our hearts and minds to know you better and to know your word better

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Susan Racine: Bless us all and keep us safe and well this week.

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Susan Racine: And help us to do your will, in Jesus name Amen

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Teresa Lammey: Amen. Amen.

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janet Humdy Morrison: Question on the website. Is that your website of the Bethel website.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: It is my website and I'll tell you why. To use is that I have unlimited space. So I Bethel has a space capacity. And

so I decided to go on and put everything at my website because we could have unlimited classes that can be stored there.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And and I made it possible, so that

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The recordings can be downloaded. So if you want to download them to your computer you can the slide decks are downloadable and the track everything will be downloadable so you can have everything. Yeah.

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Carol McMillan-Barnes: Man.

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janet Humdy Morrison: Want to the right place. Okay.

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janet Humdy Morrison: Okay, thanks.

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janet Humdy Morrison: Bye Bye bye.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you. Bye everybody.